



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-28, and 30 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10-11, 13, 15, 18, 20-21, 23, 25, 28, and 30 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No new claims have been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are fully supported by the specification, that no new matter is added, and that the claims stand ready for allowance.


Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call C. Teresa Wong at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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